

7. (Amended) A ~~drug~~ containing a protein according to [anyone of claims 1 to 4] claim 1.

16. (Amended) An expression vector carrying a recombinant gene according to [anyone of claims 8 to 15] claim 8, with the means necessary for its expression.

19. (Amended) Prokaryotic microorganisms which are transformed by an expression vector according to claim 16[, carrying a recombinant gene according to claim 9] so as to carry said recombinant gene.

20. (Amended) Eukaryotic cells which are transformed by one of the expression vectors according to any one of claims 16 to 18, carrying the recombinant gene according to claim 11] an expression vector according to claim 16 so as to carry said recombinant gene.

21. (Amended) A strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* which is transformed by one of the expression vectors according to [any one of claims 16 to 18] claim 16.

24. (Amended) A process for producing a recombinant urate oxidase which comprises the steps of:
1) cultivating a strain according to claims [21 to 23] claim 21;
2) lysing the cells;
3) isolating and purifying the recombinant urate oxidase contained in the lysate.

26. (Amended) Animal cells containing an expression vector according to claim 16[, carrying a